



NEWS FROM THE 1st DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

This afternoon, House Republicans, led by Speaker Ryan, released a dangerous and misleading memo that attacks our law enforcement agencies. There is only one purpose for this memo: to discredit, and ultimately disband, Special Counsel Mueller's investigation into President Trump and his associates. In a recent [op-ed](#), Adam Schiff, the top Democrat on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, describes the alarming efforts of Speaker Ryan and House Republicans to put the president's interests above the rest of us and the national security of our nation. This goes well beyond partisan politics. It is an attempt to put the president's political survival ahead of our national security and the rule of law.

Senator John McCain, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said, "The latest attacks on the FBI and Department of Justice serve no American interests – no party's, no president's, only Putin's. The American people deserve to know all of the facts surrounding Russia's ongoing efforts to subvert our democracy, which is why Special Counsel Mueller's investigation must proceed unimpeded. Our nation's elected officials, including the president, must stop looking at this investigation through the warped lens of politics and manufacturing partisan sideshows. If we continue to undermine our own rule of law, we are doing Putin's job for him."

Pressing for more funding to combat the opioid crisis

Today, I joined a bipartisan group of lawmakers in urging Congressional leadership to include additional funding to combat the opioid epidemic in the next government funding bill.

President Trump and his administration are failing Granite State communities with their lack of urgency and attention to the deadly opioid epidemic. This is no longer simply unacceptable, it is intolerable. Despite his national health emergency declaration, the President has not directed any additional funding to help Granite Staters who are fighting every day to turn the tide in this devastating crisis. Speaker Ryan must immediately heed our call to provide emergency funding to communities across the country that are in desperate need of federal help.

At Tuesday's State of the Union address, the President notably declined to ask for emergency resources to combat the opioid epidemic, signaling to Congress that he does not believe

additional action is necessary to direct much-needed federal resources to communities nationwide.

Attending the State of the Union with former White House Ethics Czar Ambassador Norm Eisen

I have always admired Ambassador Eisen's outstanding public service, and I was delighted that he was my guest at the State of the Union address.



After his Joint Address last year, I said that President Trump had created deep divisions in our country and disregarded our shared values: tolerance for religious and ethnic diversity, freedom of the press, good health and opportunity for working families, the well-being of our beautiful planet, and the rule of law. That was only 40 days into his presidency. A year later, it's clear that nothing has changed.

America is the greatest country on earth, but the constant lying, the scandals, and the dangerous policies coming from the White House do harm to our people and environment, imperil our democracy, and erode confidence in our institutions. He continues to endanger our national security.

The President needs to stop throwing red meat to his base and stink bombs to the rest of us if he wants to get anything constructive done. I was saddened and alarmed that the President used this opportunity to spout hateful and xenophobic rhetoric that is far from the uplifting image of America, the shining city on a hill.

Welcome news for members of New Hampshire's Indonesian community who are facing deportation!

Last night, Judge Patti Saris issued a temporary injunction blocking the removal of members of New Hampshire's Indonesian community who are facing deportation. This was the right decision. I'm pleased that the court has allowed more time for these Indonesian families to resolve their status. I stand firmly behind them, and my office will continue advocating for these families who fled religious persecution. They must be allowed to stay.

Closing Thoughts

As a member of the House Sustainable Energy & Environment Coalition (SEEC), I've been traveling through the Everglades the last two days to see firsthand how climate change is impacting our parks and to view the damage caused by Hurricane Irma. Climate change is leading to the death of sea grass and the destruction of habitats for rare species. Without action there won't be enough freshwater. Sea levels are rising, flooding streets along the coast even on sunny days. Yesterday, we surveyed the marl prairies, which bring freshwater into the Everglades. The Everglades has less than 50% of the freshwater they once had.



I met with Everglades National Park superintendent Pedro Ramos. It was reassuring to hear his vision for restoring the park. I appreciate his commitment to preserving our fragile and unique environment, and I believe that we are all responsible for protecting and preserving this national treasure.



Best Wishes,

Carol Shea-Porter

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MANCHESTER, N.H. —New Hampshire's Democratic U.S. senators and House members reiterated their calls for President Donald Trump to deliver funding for treatment programs to

combat the opioid epidemic after the president talked about the crisis in his first State of the Union address. "We need to find a way forward and pass a long-term budget agreement that fully funds critical national priorities such as infrastructure, health care for veterans, national security, our military, the opioid crisis, funding for community health centers, and disaster funding," Shea-Porter said.

[Chesly Prout, opioid experts, Trump critic invited to State of the Union address](#)

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New Hampshire's other U.S. House member, Democratic Rep. Carol Shea-Porter, announced Monday that she's inviting government ethics expert Norm Eisen as her guest of honor. Eisen, a co-founder and current board chairman of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, was the 'ethics czar' in President Barack Obama's White House from 2009 to 2011 before serving as U.S. ambassador to the Czech Republic. The retiring four-term congresswoman in the state's 1st District said she's "always admired Ambassador Eisen's outstanding public service." Eisen, who's been an outspoken critic of the current president's conflicts of interest and potential ethics violations, said that Shea-Porter "is a leader in fighting for government ethics, transparency, and the rule of law." Shea-Porter has also been a vocal critic of the President, and has joined efforts by a group of other House Democrats to impeach Trump.

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